

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- against -

GERALD GORDON,

Defendant.

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WHEREAS, on or about September 19, 2022, Gerald Gordon (the “defendant”), entered a plea of guilty to the offense charged in the Sole Count of the above-captioned Information, charging a violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(b)(1)(C) and 846; and

WHEREAS, on or about October 19, 2022, on consent of the defendant, this Court entered an Order of Forfeiture (“Order”), against the defendant, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(a), which directed the entry of a forfeiture money judgment in the amount of twenty-four thousand three hundred twenty dollars and zero cents (\$24,320.00) (the “Forfeiture Money Judgment”), as: (a) property constituting, or derived from, any proceeds obtained directly or indirectly as the result of the defendant’s violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(b)(1)(C) and 846; (b) property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of, such offense; and/or (c) a substitute asset, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(p); and

WHEREAS, on or about June 1, 2023, the defendant was sentenced and ordered to pay the Forfeiture Money Judgment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(a), the defendant has consented to the forfeiture of all right, title, and interest in approximately three thousand two hundred ninety dollars and zero cents in United States Currency (\$3,290.00) which was seized from the defendant on or about March 23, 2022, and all proceeds traceable thereto (the “Seized Currency”) as: (a) property constituting, or derived from, any proceeds obtained directly or indirectly as the result of the defendant’s violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(b)(1)(c) and 846; (b) property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of, such offense; and/or (c) a substitute asset, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(p); and

WHEREAS, the defendant and the United States move this Court to amend the Order to include the forfeiture of the Seized Currency and to direct that the Seized Currency be credited to the Forfeiture Money Judgment.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED, on consent, by and between the United States and the defendant as follows:

1. Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. §§ 853(a) and 853(p), the defendant shall forfeit to the United States the full amount of the Forfeiture Money Judgment and all right, title, and interest in the Seized Currency. The forfeiture of the Seized Currency shall be credited towards the Forfeiture Money Judgment.

2. All payments made towards the Forfeiture Money Judgment shall be made by a money order, or certified and/or official bank check, payable to the U.S. Marshals Service with the criminal docket number noted on the face of the instrument. The defendant shall cause said payment(s) to be sent by overnight mail delivery to Assistant United States Attorney Tanisha R. Payne, United States Attorney’s Office, Eastern District of New York,

271-A Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, New York 11201. The Forfeiture Money Judgment shall be paid in full on or before the date of sentencing (the “Due Date”).

3. Upon entry of this Amended Preliminary Order of Forfeiture (“Amended Preliminary Order”), the United States Attorney General or his designee is authorized to seize the Seized Currency, to conduct any proper discovery, in accordance with Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(3) and (c), and to commence any applicable proceedings to comply with statutes governing third-party rights, including giving notice of this Amended Preliminary Order.

4. The United States shall publish notice of this Amended Preliminary Order in accordance with the custom and practice in this district on the government website [www.forfeiture.gov](http://www.forfeiture.gov), of its intent to dispose of the Seized Currency in such a manner as the Attorney General or his designee may direct. The United States may, to the extent practicable, provide direct written notice to any person known or alleged to have an interest in the Seized Currency as a substitute for published notice as to those persons so notified.

5. Any person, other than the defendant, asserting a legal interest in the Seized Currency may, within thirty (30) days of the final publication of notice or receipt of notice or no later than sixty (60) days after the first day of publication on an official government website, whichever is earlier, petition the Court for a hearing without a jury to adjudicate the validity of his or her alleged interest in the Seized Currency, and for an amendment of the order of forfeiture, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(6). Any petition filed in response to the notice of forfeiture of the Seized Currency must be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury and shall set forth the nature and extent of the petitioner’s right, title, or interest in the property, the time and circumstances of the petitioner’s acquisition of

the right, title, or interest in the property, any additional facts supporting the petitioner's claim, and the relief sought.

6. The defendant shall not file or interpose any claim or petition seeking remission or contesting the forfeiture of the Seized Currency or any property against which the United States seeks to enforce the Forfeiture Money Judgment in any administrative or judicial (civil or criminal) proceeding. The defendant shall fully assist the government in effectuating the surrender and forfeiture of the Seized Currency and the payment of the Forfeiture Money Judgment to the United States. The defendant shall take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that clear title to the Seized Currency passes to the United States, including, but not limited to, the execution of any and all documents necessary to effectuate the surrender and forfeiture of the Seized Currency to the United States. Further, if any third party files a claim to the Seized Currency, the defendant will assist the government in defending such claims. If the Seized Currency or Forfeiture Money Judgment, or any portion thereof, are not forfeited to the United States, the United States may seek to enforce this Amended Preliminary Order against any other assets of the defendant up to the value of the Seized Currency, and the outstanding balance of the Forfeiture Money Judgment, pursuant to **21 U.S.C. § 853(p)**. The defendant further agrees that the conditions of **21 U.S.C. § 853(p)(1)(A)-(E)** have been met.

7. The defendant knowingly and voluntarily waives his right to any required notice concerning the forfeiture of the monies and/or properties forfeited hereunder, including notice set forth in an indictment or information or administrative notice. In addition, the defendant knowingly and voluntarily waives his right, if any, to a jury trial on the forfeiture of said monies and/or properties, and waives all constitutional, legal and

equitable defenses to the forfeiture of said monies and/or properties, including, but not limited to, any defenses based on principles of double jeopardy, the *Ex Post Facto* clause of the Constitution, any applicable statute of limitations, venue, or any defense under the Eighth Amendment, including a claim of excessive fines.

8. Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(4)(A) and (B), this Amended Preliminary Order shall become final as to the defendant at the time of the defendant's sentencing and shall be made part of the defendant's sentence and included in his judgment of conviction. If no third party files a timely claim, this Amended Preliminary Order, together with Supplemental Orders of Forfeiture, if any, shall become the Final Order of Forfeiture, as provided by Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(c)(2). At that time, the monies and/or properties forfeited herein shall be forfeited to the United States for disposition in accordance with the law.

9. The United States alone shall hold title to the monies paid by the defendant to satisfy the Forfeiture Money Judgment following the Court's entry of the judgment of conviction. The United States alone shall hold title to the Seized Currency following the Court's disposition of all third-party interests, or, if none, following the expiration of the period provided in 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(2).

10. The forfeiture of the Seized Currency and entry and payment of the Forfeiture Money Judgment shall not be considered a payment of a fine, penalty, restitution loss amount, or payment of any income taxes that may be due, and shall survive bankruptcy.

11. This Amended Preliminary Order shall be binding upon the defendant and the successors, administrators, heirs, assigns and transferees of the defendant, and shall survive the bankruptcy of any of them.

12. This Amended Preliminary Order shall be binding only upon the Court's "so ordering" of the order.

13. The Court shall retain jurisdiction over this action to enforce compliance with the terms of this Amended Preliminary Order and to amend it as necessary, pursuant to **Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(e)**.

Dated: Brooklyn, New York  
December 1, 2023

SO ORDERED:

*Dora L. Irizarry*  
HONORABLE DORA L. IRIZARRY  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK